



***Embassy of the United States of America
Consular Section, Immigrant Visa Unit
Bogotá, Colombia***

INSTRUCTION AND APPOINTMENT PACKAGE - FIANCEE K-VISAS (Packets 3 & 4)

Dear Visa Applicant:

We have received approval to start processing your fiancé(e) (K) visa. In order to prepare for your interview with a consular officer, please read the following instructions carefully.

FIRST: Obtain the documents listed on page 3 that apply to your case. You must bring them to the embassy on the day of your visa interview.

SECOND: Fill-out the DS-156, DS-156K, and DS-230 (Part 1) visa applications. The forms are available online at: http://travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms_1342.html. Be sure to answer each question. Every applicant (including any children) must print two copies of the DS-156 form and two copies of the DS-230 (Part 1) form; a K1 fiancé(e) applicant must also print one copy of the DS-156K. Applicants should ensure all answers are correct, especially if someone helped fill out the application. Make sure to use your Passport book number, not any other number in your passport (this number appears in red on the inside front cover as well as in the perforations on each visa page in the passport). Applicants should not sign any of these forms but should bring all three pages of the DS-156 (including the third page that contains a barcode) and, if required, the one-page DS-156K forms to the interview. Applicants must attach one photograph to each copy of the DS-156 form before they arrive at the embassy. For photo requirements visit: http://travel.state.gov/visa/visaphotoreq/visaphotoreq_5334.html.

THIRD: As soon as you have obtained the required documents and prepared the forms, you must register for your visa interview at <http://colombia.usvisa-info.com>. Please follow the instructions on the attached sheet to schedule your appointment and pay the non-refundable visa application fee as instructed on that website.

FOURTH: Contact one of the Embassy's panel physicians to schedule your medical exam. We recommend that you complete your medical exam within two weeks prior to your interview appointment. See the instruction sheet on page 4 for medical exams.

FIFTH (THE DAY OF YOUR INTERVIEW):

- Arrive no later than your appointment time.
- Bring all of the required documents for each visa applicant. (Please arrange documents in the exact order shown on the attached List of Documents.)
- Remember that the interview process may take several hours. Our waiting area is outside and Bogota can get cold. Please dress accordingly.
- Children under 14 years of age whose names are listed on a parent's appointment letter are not required to come to their immigrant or K visa interviews so long as their parent or a responsible adult brings the child's documents. Children 14 years and older must attend the interview.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Visa issuance is not guaranteed. Therefore, we recommend that you do NOT make any travel plans, quit your job, or sell your properties until a consular officer has approved your visa.

The Consular Section does not endorse or have a "special relationship" with any individual, attorney, or business that offers advice or assistance with the visa process. All U.S. government forms are free.

If you are applying for a K1 visa, do not marry your fiancé(e) before you receive your visa and travel to the United States. If you get married, even to your fiancé(e), your K1 petition will be cancelled and you will have to start the process over.

Any document or information presented in connection with your K visa application may be investigated by our Fraud Prevention Unit. Any attempt to misrepresent a material fact to a consular officer may make you permanently ineligible to obtain a visa.

If you wish to discontinue the fiancé(e) visa petition process, the petitioner must inform us in writing. A scanned letter may be sent to IVbogota@state.gov. The case number, and the complete name and date of birth of both the petitioner and the applicant must be included.

To download forms or learn more about the visa process please go to the Immigrant Visa Section of our website at http://bogota.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

We can return most original documents if you also bring notarized photocopies to your interview. If you already included an English translation in the documents you submitted to USCIS as part of the petition process, you do not need to provide additional English translations or duplicate copies.

PASSPORT: The passport must be valid for travel to the United States and have at least six (6) months of validity left from the date the visa is issued. Applicants who have traveled to the United States should also present all previous passports.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Six (6) COLOR photographs taken within the past six months for each applicant. See http://travel.state.gov/visa/visaphotoreq/visaphotoreq_5334.html for photograph instructions. Altered or photo-shopped photos will be rejected. NOTE: You must attach one of these photographs to the DS-156 forms prior to the interview – please ensure any staples in the photograph are as far away from your face as possible.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES: Each applicant must present an original or a notarized copy of his/her birth certificate. The date and place of birth, parents' names, and date the birth was registered must be included. We do not accept 'short form' birth certificates, as they are not official extracts from government records. Applicants who present birth certificates issued more than two years after their birth (including corrected birth certificates) should be prepared to provide additional documentation of their birth, including baptismal certificates and/or the original birth certificate.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES: (for K3/K4 cases only) Married applicants must present a certified copy of their civil marriage certificate. All marriage certificates must include the date and place of the marriage, complete names of the spouses, and name and title of the person who performed the ceremony.

TERMINATION OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES: Certified photocopies of final divorce decrees, annulments, or death certificates are required for all previous marriages of the petitioner and all K1 and K3 applicants. We cannot accept civil or religious separations or annotations on the back of marriage certificates as proof that a marriage has been terminated. Colombian documents should state "liquidación de la sociedad conyugal" and "cesación de efectos civiles" when there is no divorce sentence.

POLICE CERTIFICATES: A Colombian police certificate “Certificado Judicial” is required for all applicants who will be 18 years of age when they travel to the U.S. It may be obtained at any at <http://www.policia.gov.co>. Police certificates are also required from applicants who have lived in another country for more than 6 months since turning 18 years of age (except for the United States). Visit <http://travel.state.gov/visa/reciprocity/index.htm> for information about the availability and process for obtaining police certificates for other countries. Police certificates are valid for 12 months.

JUDICIAL AND PRISON RECORDS: Applicants who have been arrested for any reason in any country (including Colombia or the United States) or who have any judicial/prison record must present copies of ALL documents related to the case, even if the charges were dropped, the applicant was found innocent, or they received an amnesty or other act of clemency.

IMMIGRATION RECORDS: Applicants who have been denied admission to the United States, requested extensions of stay, changed status, applied for asylum, been deported, or granted voluntary departure from the United States must bring all relevant documents from the Department of Homeland Security or the immigration judge.

EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT: You must demonstrate that you have sufficient financial support. We recommend that your fiancé(e) or spouse download and complete an Affidavit of Support (Form I-134) which you may bring to your interview. This form is available at <http://www.uscis.gov/i-134>. To avoid processing delays, we recommend petitioners include a copy of their most recent IRS 1040, and a W2, paystub, or a letter from their employer certifying employment.

PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP: Applicants may wish to bring photographs, records of communication (phone records, emails, post-marked letters, cards), evidence of visits with each other, and any other evidence that demonstrates an ongoing relationship. Your American fiancé(e) is also welcome to attend the interview.

MEDICAL EXAM: Applicants must bring their medical exam results to the interview.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Each applicant, regardless of age, must have a general physical examination prior to the interview appointment. These examinations should be completed **prior** to your appointment at the Embassy.

SCHEDULE THE EXAMINATION: Please call one of the doctors (also known as panel physicians) listed below to make an appointment for your exam. Since the full-body exam requires the patient to undress, you may wish to choose a male or female doctor accordingly.

Dr. Jairo H. Roa

Centro Médico de La Sabana
Cra. 7 No. 119-14, Cons #325
Bogotá
Tel: 215 1763, 619 2044, 619 2055

Dr. Rodolfo José Dennis V.

Centro de Especialistas
Fundación Cardioinfantil
Cra. 13b #161-85, Torre H, Piso 1
Bogotá
Tel: 805 0091 (Direct); or 667 2727, x2423 – 2424

Dra. Monica Caicedo

Centro Médico de la Sabana
Cra. 7 No. 119-14, Cons #506
Bogotá
Tel: 213 4515, 612 2989

Dr. Juan I. Fajardo

Carrera 16 #82-74 Apt. 318
Bogotá
Tel: 691 9272 -3 -4 -6 -8 -9
(this doctor is a pediatrician and will ONLY see children)

COMPLETE LABORATORY TESTS: Applicants who are 15 years of age or older are required to have blood tests and a chest X-ray done **BEFORE** their **general physical examination** at the following address:

**Instituto y Laboratorio Clínico
Calle 38 No. 8-28, Local No. 1
Bogotá
Tel: 232-7272**

NOTES:

All applicants must present their passport and a photograph (see photograph instructions) at each laboratory or medical appointment.

Examinations from a laboratory or doctor not included on this list will not be accepted. All applicants must come to Bogota to complete the medical examinations; there are no authorized panel physicians or laboratories outside of Bogota.

FEES:

As of October 2011, the exams will have a MAXIMUM price of **285.000*** (Colombian pesos) per adult. As noted below some children are required to get Tuberculin skin testing at an additional cost.

- **150.000** (Colombian pesos) for the general physical examination;
- **135.000** (Colombian pesos) for blood tests (Serology and X-rays).
- **36.000** (Colombian pesos) for Tuberculin skin testing for children between two and 14 years of age

***Prices are subject to change.**

*Please note that there may be additional costs required for vaccinations

Laboratory and medical examination fees must be paid in cash by the applicant. Checks are not accepted. Any additional examinations ordered by the doctor must be paid for by the applicant. You may pick up the results of your exams at the doctor's office. On the day of your visa appointment, please bring the results of your medical examinations to the Embassy in a sealed envelope.

VACCINATIONS:

In order to assist the panel physician, and to avoid processing delays, **all visa applicants** should have their vaccination records available for the panel physician's review at the time of the medical examination. You should consult with your regular health care provider to obtain your original immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement. Only a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition. Read the latest vaccination instructions online at: http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info_1331.html.

PLEASE NOTE:

During your medical examination, you should provide all relevant information concerning your medical history to the examining physician:

- If you are taking any medications, you should know their names and composition.
- If you currently, or have previously suffered from an illness, major surgery or trauma, or physical or mental disease, please bring the medical history from the doctor or medical institution that treated you.
- If you are receiving treatment for any of the above, please bring a copy of your medical history, including treatment and medication.

Failure to provide this information during your medical examination will cause your visa process to be delayed. Please remember that the information provided to the doctor is confidential.

Tuberculosis (TB) Testing Requirements By The U.S. Center For Disease Control (CDC) For ALL Immigrant Visa Applicants

Due to increased rates of TB infection in the United States, the U.S. Government requires more stringent testing and treatment of all applicants before they can immigrate to the United States.

- All applicants two years and older must be tested for TB. Children between two and 14 years require Tuberculin skin testing (TST). Depending on the results of the TST, some children may also need chest X-rays. **Families must plan to be available in Bogota for an extra 4 days to determine if the children also need chest X-rays.**
- All applicants 15 years of age and older must undergo a chest X-ray before the medical examination can be completed. Pregnant women can elect to undergo the chest radiograph with double lead shielding over the belly or they can wait to complete the chest radiograph after the baby is born.
- If the tests are positive for TB, applicants may require treatment before the applicant can receive a visa.